WINNESHIEK COUNTY STOCKPASS POLICY

The following policy is established by the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors regarding the installation, maintenance and perpetuation of cattle crossings or stockpasses on County roads within the county.

1) New Installation Requested on an Existing County Road

Placement of a stockpass under a county road where no stockpass currently exists shall not be allowed unless the county deems its installation necessary. All costs associated with the installation shall be the responsibility of the requesting party.

2) New Installation Requested During Road Construction

Any party requesting a stockpass on a road that is under construction, in a location where no stockpass currently existed, will pay half of the material cost of stockpass itself. Winneshiek County will pay the remainder of all the material costs and the cost of installation.

3) Existing Stockpass

An existing stockpass will be maintained and replaced during reconstruction or when deemed necessary by the County and shall be the responsibility of the County.

4) Removing Surface Drainage from Stockpasses

Any party requesting the removal of surface drainage through a stockpass by installation of a crossroad culvert for the water will be required to follow the same requirements as those requesting a stockpass on an existing county road as described above under item No. 1.

5) Stockpasses Installed in Lieu of a Crossroad Culvert

In the event the county feels it is necessary to replace a cross road culver and a party is requesting the installation of a drainage structure large enough to permit its use as a stockpass, said requesting party shall be required to pay the difference in material costs from the structure required to handle the drainage and that of the stockpass. Winneshiek County will be responsible for the remaining material costs and the installation costs.

The maintenance of all cross road structures will be the responsibility of Winneshiek County. The party requesting the stockpass will assume all maintenance for the approaches to the stockpass, fencing the approaches to the stockpass and the removal of any silt that may be deposited in the stockpass thereby restricting the use of the stockpass.

Any stockpass, once placed in the road right-of-way becomes the property of Winneshiek County. No alterations to a stockpass may be made by any other party other than Winneshiek County or without the consent of the County Engineer.

Any deviation from the above listed policy will be considered by the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors before any work proceeds on the stockpass in question.

This policy will remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 25th day of September, 2006.

Dean Darling, Chair

Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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